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THE APPROACHING ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LIBERTY.

AN OLD TIME CELEBRATION—THE FOURTH OF JULY IN HARRISONBURG—MILITARY AND CIVIC PARADE—MUSIC—SPEECHES, &c.—As announced a week or two ago, Harrisonburg will have an old time celebration on the Fourth of July. The arrangements are nearly completed to have the largest, grandest and most imposing military and civic display ever witnessed in the Valley of Virginia since the war.

Besides our own military company and band, it is expected that the two Staunton companies and the Martinsburg and Charlottesville companies, together with the Stonewall, New Market, Woodstock, Winchester and other bands will be in the line of march. It is also expected that the Harrisonburg fire companies and other civic organizations will participate. An oration by a distinguished speaker, will be another feature of the occasion.

The Baltimore & Ohio and Valley Railroads will run excursion trains to accommodate those desiring to attend the celebration, and the fare for round trips will be so low as to afford all an opportunity of being present. It is estimated by those having the affair in charge that not less than five thousand people will be here on the occasion.

A VICTIM TO HIS OWN DEVICE.

Wednesday morning of last week, William Roller, son of Samuel Roller, Esq., met with a fatal accident at his home in the lower part of this county, near New Market. Having been annoyed by thieves, he set a spring gun in the smoke house which was so arranged as to be discharged when the door was pushed open. On the morning of the accident he went to the smoke-house, and forgetting the deadly device attached to the door, pushed it open and was instantly made a victim to his own ingenuity, the load blowing off three fingers and lodging in his left groin, severing a large artery. Mr. Roller was about twenty-one years old and highly esteemed by his acquaintances.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

GRAND EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad propose to run an excursion from Harrisonburg and the Valley to Washington city on Friday, June 15th, leaving Harrisonburg at 6 A. M. arrive at Washington about 12 M., return, leave Washington at 7:45 A. M. and 5:15 P. M., on Saturday June 16th, fare for round trip from Harrisonburg \$3.75. First-class cars will be furnished, and the excursion will be in charge of Capt. C. A. Sprinkle and John C. Smith. Here is an opportunity offered to all for visiting the National Capital with its many places of interest. The public Building, and the White House, also the Corcoran Art Gallery, are open to all from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; an excursion to Mt. Vernon, and a Moonlight trip on the Potomac in the fine Palace Barge, that is handsomely fitted up and arranged for promenading, dancing, &c. are among the inducements afforded. The round trip to Mt. Vernon, we learn, will cost but twenty-five cents. We understand, good accommodation can be secured at first-class hotels near the Depots, and on Pennsylvania Avenue, (the principal avenue of the city) at from \$1.75 to \$3.50 for the time excursionists will be in the city.

The following complimentary notice of the Valley of Virginia and the Virginia Land Bureau is from the *Middleton* (Delaware) Transcript:

The Valley of Virginia is perhaps unequalled by any section in this country for the salubrity of its climate, the quality of its lands, the variety of its products, and the hospitality of its people. Its timber, minerals, water-power and beautiful scenery, too, are unsurpassed in this country. Its great want now is, immigration, and its people are offering every inducement to settlers. In furtherance of this object the Virginia Land Bureau has been established at Harrisonburg, in the very heart of that lovely Valley. The officers of the Bureau are R. N. Pool, President; P. B. Delany, Secretary and Superintendent; C. H. Vanderford, (well known to all our readers,) Treasurer; J. D. Price, General Salesman; Both & Garrett, of Philadelphia, Practical and Analytical Chemists. This company has for sale a very large number of farms, of various sizes, qualities and prices, besides large tracts of iron, coal and other mineral lands, and those desiring investments or seeking homes would advance their interests by calling upon or addressing them. They will soon issue a descriptive circular of the great Shenandoah Valley and a catalogue of the properties they have for sale or exchange.

FANTASTIC.—Prof. C. C. Almond, on Wednesday night last, closed his dancing school at the residence of Mr. J. N. Maury, near Mountview, with a big hop. The parents of his many pupils prepared an elegant supper, and about one hundred and twenty-five persons partook thereof. The dancing consisted of the latest round and square dances, and the pupils reflected great credit upon Prof. Almond as being capable of teaching the art of dancing to those who are placed under his charge.

UNIFORMED.—Sheriff D. H. Ralston has clothed the members of the chain-gang, and other colored prisoners under his charge in handsome, and cool brown suits for the summer season.

HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.—J. D. Campbell, charged with the theft of Leonard Maury's horse in February last, was lodged in jail in this place Saturday last.

Campbell's experience has been of a novel and unusual character since his first arrest and incarceration in the Harrisonburg (Va.) jail last winter. In the first place, owing to the absence of the prosecuting attorney, a requisition was delayed until in March. Governor Matthews forwarded the same to E. A. Cunningham, Esq., our prosecutor, instead of sending it directly to Governor Kemper, of Virginia. Mr. Cunningham immediately started it to Governor Kemper, but it being in the mail when Hiser was killed, and the mail robbed, it never reached its destination. This necessitated a second demand, which was promptly made, and the requisition again sent to Gov. Kemper. The Virginia authorities having held him, as they thought, a reasonable time, before Gov. Kemper's order to turn him over arrived, discharged him. The order coming the next day, however, he was re-arrested and again lodged in jail. Sheriff McQuinn then went to Harrisonburg for him, but the authorities refused to surrender him because the jail fees, &c., were not paid. Mr. McQuinn, leaving him in prison, returned and reported the fact to Mr. Cunningham. The latter gentleman made the necessary arrangements, and again Mr. McQuinn went for his man. Arriving in Harrisonburg, he found to his surprise, that Campbell had again been released, the Harrisonburg officers having tired of their burden and determined to wait no longer for their "spondulix." Of course nothing was left his Honor, the sheriff, but to do like the Cornish men, having marched up the hill to march down again, minus Jefferson Davis Campbell.

And now comes the denouement which caps the climax. The evening after the return of Mr. McQuinn, information reached him that, lo and behold, his much sought after prisoner, Jefferson Davis Campbell, horse thief, escaped jail bird, *et cetera*, was comfortably domiciled at the widow Paffenberger's, four miles below his house, in Pendleton county, calm and serene as a May morning, complacently awaiting to be "taken in out of the wad," placed in dress velvet and ready to represent the county in the penitentiary of the State. Of course the sheriff could not resist this touching appeal, so disinterested and patriotic in its character, so organizing his posse *comitatus*, they waited upon this aspirant for doubtful honors and escorted him to Castle Clover, where he impatiently counts the hours intervening until the "high joint commission," composed of twelve of his peers, "count him in" or out of the office so urgently sought after.—*Pendleton News*.

KNIGHTS' TEMPLE VISITATION.—On Tuesday evening last a number of Sir Knights of Stevenson Commandery, Staunton, paid a fraternal visit to the new Commandery at this place. They were met at the depot by the Harrisonburg Knights, where a procession was formed, headed by Clara's Band, and marched to the Masonic Hall. At about eight o'clock the Sir Knights adjourned their session to attend a banquet at Pollock's. Like everything in his line done by the proprietor of the Pollock House, the supper was superb, giving not only complete satisfaction but eliciting the praise of all the guests. The supper over the Knights marched back to their Hall, where a delightful evening was spent, and some three or more candidates invested with the mysteries pertaining to this exalted branch of the Masonic order. The "Red Cross Degree," was conferred by Eminent Commander W. H. H. Lynn, of Stevenson Commandery, and the "Order of the Temple" by Past Eminent Commander Wm. A. Burke, of Stevenson Commandery.

The Harrisonburg Commandery numbers about twenty members at present, with every prospect of a successful future before them.

Among those from Staunton we noticed a number of familiar faces, and we were pleased to hear several of them remark that they "never came to Harrisonburg but they were treated with the utmost cordiality and good cheer," indicating thus their pleasure on this occasion.

MORE U. S. PRISONERS.—Geo. W. Plaugher, residing near Mt. Clifton, Shenandoah county, was before Commissioner Dr. Wm. J. Points on Friday last for violation of the Revenue laws, by retailing liquor without license. In default of bail, he was sent to jail to await the action of the U. S. Court.

On Saturday last Sip May, charged with unlawful retailing of spirits, and arrested under a bench warrant from the U. S. Court, was bailed by Commissioner Points in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at the fall term for trial. May is the youth who was convicted in the Rockingham County Court of forgery, and pardoned on account of his tender years by the Governor. It seems that clemency in his case was misplaced kindness.

Gold closed in New York on Monday last at \$105 1/2.

MEMORIAL DAY.—Of all the days in the year to which is attached any observance or ceremonial, religious or festive, memorial day appeals most directly to the emotions of the present generation of the whole country, North and South. Countless thousands still mourn the loss of those who were nearest and dearest of all earthly possessions. The mother's tears, the widow's wail, and the orphan's heart-throbbings, were yesterday mingled and manifested in our own community over the graves of the Confederate dead, a small complement of the appalling aggregate whose mortal remains were confided to our care for our everlasting and tender remembrances.

The decoration ceremonies were of a simple and unostentatious character. Our military company in uniform, the Ladies' Memorial Association, young ladies representing the Confederate States and the unknown dead, school children, ladies and citizens generally, assembled at the Court-House and proceeded in procession to the cemetery where were deposited and strewn fresh garlands, wreaths and flowers, tearful and fragrant from the refreshing rain which had fallen the day before. There were no orations, no pomp, no display. The silent eloquence, the deep feeling of sorrow, unobtrusive and sincere, rendered the occasion impressive and melancholy—a genuine tribute to the departed dead. Our people manifested a spirit worthy of emulation for the future. There is a deplorable tendency on such occasions to make the ceremony of decoration a frivolous festival, which is at best but a mockery and disgrace both to the living and the dead.

Decoration day should be a holy day, and not a holiday—a day when animosities should be buried deeper than the graves in which lies the country's martyrs; a day for common commingling of sympathy, respectful, elevating and ennobling emotions and charity towards those who are gone, whether shrouded in blue or in gray, and towards those who are living, whether at the North or the South.

PROCEEDINGS OF CIRCUIT COURT.—The following cases have been disposed of since our last issue:

J. P. Edinger vs. I. C. Hill; cause tried by a jury; no verdict; cause continued.

Henry Varner vs. Abraham Paul; non suit entered.

James A. Campbell's adm'r vs. Lewis Argenbright; jury; verdict and judgment for defendant.

C. A. Yancey, agent and attorney, &c., vs. Lansburg & Co.; non suit.

Wm. L. Anderson vs. B. F. Cromer; judgment for defendant.

Wm. A. Bradford vs. R. N. Pool; judgment for plaintiff by consent.

Abraham Kniesly vs. John Ruff, and J. A. Lowenbach vs. W. C. & St. L. R. Co. were settled and dismissed.

Miley Rice's adm'r vs. M. B. Brown; jury and verdict for \$195.69, with interest from February 16, 1857, for plaintiff. Amount claimed over \$3,000. Plaintiff moved the Court to set aside the verdict, which has not yet been acted upon.

The case of D. M. Switzer vs. J. A. Lowenbach is now up for trial; action of trespass.

By order of the Court, the name of J. H. Shue's adopted daughter was changed from Stinespring to Shue.

COL. CHAS. T. O'FERRALL'S ADDRESS BEFORE THE LEE SOCIETY OF POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.—In the Shenandoah Valley's report of the closing exercises of the Polytechnic Institute, at New Market, we find the following complimentary notice of the address of Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrall, Judge of our county court:

Then followed Col. O'Ferrall, of Harrisonburg, who entertained the attentive audience with a discourse of great power and ability. He was the chosen orator for the Lee Society, and addressed them in his usual very impressive and engaging manner. His speech was listened to, with intense interest, and the Society have great reason to be proud and grateful that he devoted so much of his invaluable time to favor them with an address. He is well known on all occasions to be a highly popular speaker, and on this, we thought him peculiarly happy.

WORKINGMEN'S MEETING.—The Primary Association of the "Workingmen's Practical Reform Association of Virginia" will meet at Linville on Saturday next, June 9th, at 1 o'clock p. m. The officers of the State Association will also be present. There will be meetings held on Saturday, June 16th, at 1 o'clock p. m., at Timberville and Spartaopolis for the purpose of forming associations at those points. A large turn out of those interested is expected on the days and at the places named.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE HARRISONBURG GUARDS IN UNIFORM.—This company made their first appearance in uniform yesterday. After the memorial exercises were over, the company under command of Capt. Roller and first and second Lieutenants, Donovan and Myers, exhibited their skill in drilling and marching on the Court House Square. The dispatch, precision and uniformity with which the commands were executed, challenged the admiration of the numerous spectators and won praises from every lip.

Messrs. Gifford Seldon and Peables Tatum have opened a stationery store in the room in the Swiss building formerly occupied by the Valley Book Store.

BREVITIES.

Caterpillars are very abundant this year.

The recent copious showers have greatly stimulated the growing crops.

The editorial excursion party will arrive at Orkney Springs next Monday.

A military company has been organized in Winchester. Woodstock is endeavoring to form two companies.

The Circuit Court manages to keep the ball rolling, notwithstanding the heated term is upon us.

The closing exercises of the Dayton High School will take place on the evenings of June 12th, 13th and 14th.

The Harrisonburg Guards have decided to go to Staunton on Saturday next, to participate in the memorial ceremonies.

Will Harrisonburg ever have water works? Capitalists in this community stand greatly "in their own light" upon this question.

The strawberry festival for the benefit of Woodbine Cemetery, last Thursday and Friday evenings, netted upwards of \$100.

Jacob Orbach, living near Mt. Jackson, was kicked by a horse recently, and received injuries which caused his death a few days after.

The Harrisonburg Guards have been invited to go into camp at the White Sulphur Springs, in August, with the First Virginia Regiment.

The commencement exercises of the Valley Normal School, at Bridgewater, will commence to-night and continue to-morrow and to-morrow night.

While the corn, wheat, oats and other crops in some sections in this county have suffered from continued dry weather, they have been stimulated in others by fine showers.

The Fourth of July celebration in Harrisonburg is assuming definite shape, and promises to be the largest military and civic display witnessed in the Valley since the war.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad have arranged to have an excursion from Harrisonburg to Washington on Friday, the 15th, returning on the 16th. Fare for the round trip \$3.75.

The Harrisonburg Guards propose getting up an excursion on the Valley Railroad, to some pleasant wooded retreat, and go into camp for a day. It will come off this month some time.

The old McCue homestead, near Mt. Solon, now occupied by Major J. Marshall McCue, was sold last week. The home tract, 131 acres, was sold to James H. and Preston Todd, at \$88 per acre.

If other portions of the Valley were as well represented at Winchester yesterday as this, the crowd must have been very large. The train from Staunton had about 700 passengers, and the one from here carried quite a number.

Go to the strawberry and ice cream festival to night and to-morrow night. The proceeds will be applied to needed improvements on the Catholic Church, and the attractions will be many. A pleasant time may be anticipated.

Jno. D. Scott, deputy Sheriff, left for Richmond on Wednesday morning, having in charge B. F. Rieves, colored, who was convicted of attempted rape at the last term of the County Court and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

The citizens of King George county, by a majority of one, decided to donate \$30,000 to the Royal Land Company's R. R. The people generally favor the proposition, but are opposed to some provisions of the law authorizing the subscription. An almost unanimous vote is expected next time.

Don't suffer with pains and aches. Come to Harrisonburg and see Dr. Harper, and see the many testimonials that appear in the papers weekly. The Doctor is also preparing a Horse Liniment that stands equal to his Compound, which is second to none in the United States or Canada. Call at the Parlow & Lambert Building, Main street.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PROXIDATION.

In almost every community in our country there seems to be some one who will represent his neighborhood or village through the columns of the OLD COMMONWEALTH. Every one loves to see this interest in the general prosperity, while, at the same time, it makes the paper spicy and fresh.

The most important and pleasant days of any community blessed with a good school or seminary are those in which the closing exercises, or "commencement," as it is called, occur. You need not wonder then at an article from Dayton at this time.

The Dayton High School, which has passed through much tribulation, and like gold tried in the fire, has only become the better, will hold its entertainments on the evenings of June 12th, 13th and 14th. Considerable preparations are being made, and all look for something nice and good. We learn from the Principals that the first two evenings, 12th and 13th, will be devoted to entertainments, given by the school proper, such as orations, essays, dialogues, &c. Good music will be a prominent feature on the occasion.

On Thursday evening, the 14th, Rev. J. E. Holt will deliver, we think, on the subject of "Edgar A. Poe." This brilliant young Virginian is a favorite with many, and the lecture will doubtless be very interesting. Many these exercises be a fair exponent of the work of the school and all concerned.

There are many other items that would interest your readers, such as crops, stock, business, &c., but for fear of occupying too much of your valuable space I will close for the present. You may hear from me again.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I hereby inform my friends and patrons that I have connected myself with the Virginia Land Bureau, an association formed for the sale of agricultural, mineral lands and real estate generally. The superior facilities afforded by this Bureau for the handling of all sorts of properties, will commend it to public favor.

